(a) whether it is a fact that minor girls in India are married off to foreigners on the basis of monetary transaction; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to prevent such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) Some incidents have come to the notice of the Government.

(b) The enquiry and action in the matter is a State subject and lies with the State Government. However, the information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Indian Army Chief meeting with US Deputy Secretary of State

1445-D. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Gen. S. F. Rodrigues, *Indian Chief of Army Staff met* U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Mr. Laurence Eagleburger in U.S. recently; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether Mr. Eagleburger indicated the U.S. desire that India should reconsider if opposition to signing the nuclear non-proliferation treaty; if so, what is the Government of India's stand now that China and france have agreed to sign it; and

(c) what transpired at his meeting with the Chairman of the U.S. Joints Chief of Staff?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) Information is awaited and will be laid on the Table of the House on receipt.

12,00 NOON

(The Deputy Chairman in the Chair)

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

I. Notifications of the Ministry of Surface Transport (Ports Wing)

II. Notification of Ministry of Surface Transport publishing the corrigendum to Notification G.S.R. No. 931 (E) dated the 30th Nov., 1990.

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): Madam, I beg to lay on the Table—

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Surface Transport (Ports Wing), under sub-section (4) of section 124 of the Major Port Trusts Act, 1968:—

(i) G.S.R. No. 201(E), dated the 3rd April, 1991, approving the Visakhapatnam Port Employees (Classification, Control and Appeal) Amendment Regulations, 1991.

(ii) G.S.R. No. 214(E), dated the 15th April, 1990 approving the Madras Port Trust (Pension) (Amendment) Regulations, 1991.

(iii) G.S.R. No. 217(E), dated the 15th April, 1991, approving the Madras Port Trust Employees (Retirement) (Amendment) Regulations, 1991.

(iv) G.S.R. No. 228(E), dated the 22nd April, 1991, approving the Kandla Port (Authorisation of Pilots) Amendment (Second) Regulations, 1991.

(v) G.S.R. No. 931(E), dated the 30th November, 1990, approving the Madras Port Trust (Pension) (First Amendment) Regulations, 1991.

II. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Surface Transport (Ports Wing) Notification G.S.R. No. 202(E), dated the 3rd April, 1991, publishing the corrigendum to Notification G.S.R. No. 931 (E), dated the 30th November, 1990. (Placed in Library. See No. LT-543/91)

MESSAGES FROM THE LOK SABHA

(I) The Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Bill, 1991.

(II) The Central Excises and Customs Laws (Amendment) Bill, 1991.

SECRETARY-GENERAL: Madam, I have to report to the House the following messages received from the Lok Sabha, signed by the Secretary-General of the Lok Sabha:—

I

"In accordance with the provisions of rule 96 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha, I am directed to enclose the Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Bill, 1991, as passed by Lok Sabha at its sitting held on the 10th September, 1991."

II

"In accordance with the provisions of rule 96 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha, I am directed to enclose the Central Excises and Customs Laws (Amendment) Bill, 1991, as passed by Lok Sabha at its sitting held on the 10th September, 1991.

The Speaker has certified that this Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of article 110 of the Constitution of India."

Madam, I lay a copy of each of the Bills on the Table.

REFERENCE TO REPLIES TO SPECIAL MENTIONS

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI (Maharashtra): Madam, I want to submit for your consideration a very important issue... (*Interruptions*)

श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज (हरियाणा): मैडम, हरियाणा में तो लॉ एंड आर्डर का भट्टा बैठ गया है। मैंने उस दिन एक इश्यू उठाया था, लेकिन उसके बाद कितने ही इश्यू खड़े हो गए हैं। ... **(व्यवधान)** ....

श्री महेन्द्र सिंह खटिर (हरियाणा): मैडम, हरियाणा के रोहतक में ... **(व्यवधान)** ...

SHRI MD. SALIM (West Bengal): Madam, the question concerning....

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI (Maharashtra): Madam, I want to submit that Special Mentions, as per the previous practice, are not being replied to now a days by the Ministers concerned. Would you please advise the Leader of the House that Special Mentions should be replied to by the Ministers concerned? I don't find any one of us receiving a reply. Would you please ask the Leader of the House to help us in getting the replies? This practice was in vogue previously during the Congress regime...

(*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The Leader of the House is here and I am sure he will convey the sentiments of the Members to the Ministers concerned. There are different Ministers. So he has to tell everybody. Please do that.

THE LEADER OF THE HOUSE (SHRI S B. CHAVAN): Madam, I will do that.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH (West Bengal): Madam, I raised a Special Mention on ... (*Interruptions*)... I have not yet received a reply...

(*Interruptions*)